

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 304

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Angelos family,
owners of The Little Dutch Restaurant, upon its
seventieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those fine dining establishments that serve the gastronomical needs of our citizens, while also delighting their taste buds; and;

WHEREAS, The Little Dutch Restaurant in Morristown is one such outstanding restaurant that has attracted a diverse and loyal clientele by providing delicious cuisine and attentive service to its many loyal patrons for seventy years; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional restaurant first opened its doors in 1939, and has served the residents of Morristown for more than seventy years, making it one of the oldest continuously operated restaurants in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Frank Lorino opened The Little Dutch Restaurant in downtown Morristown on January 31, 1939; on a modest budget and wanting to cut costs during the Great Depression, Mr. Lorino purchased a sign from the Post Sign Company featuring the Little Dutch name and a windmill logo on it instead of having a new custom sign made, and his new restaurant was christened The Little Dutch Restaurant, a name it has held for the last seventy years; and

WHEREAS, from these humble beginnings, The Little Dutch Restaurant has grown and prospered over the past seventy years by serving outstanding food with fellowship and exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, after Mr. Lorino passed away, the restaurant changed ownership several times until brothers Tommy and George Angelos leased the restaurant from Frank Lorino's widow, Mattie, in 1973; and

WHEREAS, after purchasing the restaurant a few years later, Tommy Angelos decided to expand into another restaurant, leaving George Angelos as the sole proprietor of The Little Dutch Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, George Angelos and his wife, Nina, utilizing their determination and strong work ethic, have built an excellent reputation for fine food and service, helping to create the iconic nature of The Little Dutch Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, The Little Dutch Restaurant has long been a gathering place for the residents of Morristown, and its doors are always open to anyone who is hungry; and

WHEREAS, during its seventy years of existence, The Little Dutch Restaurant has been the scene of many dinner parties, celebrations, and meetings throughout its illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding success and stellar reputation that The Little Dutch Restaurant has attained would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Angelos, their family, and staff members like waitress Maggie Whitehead, who represent some of the finest restaurant industry minds in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The Little Dutch Restaurant always serves its food with a side order of friendship and fond memories for every person who enters the eatery; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Morristown greatly appreciate the valuable contribution that Mr. and Mrs. Angelos, their family, and their staff are making to the dining experience in their community and have honored The Little Dutch Restaurant with their patronage over the many decades; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend owners George and Nina Angleos, upon the celebration of The Little Dutch Restaurant's seventieth anniversary, applaud them for their

delectable meals and exemplary customer service, and wish them all the best in their future culinary endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.